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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6860

BILL NUMBER: SB 372

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Youth Athletic Concussions.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Holdman

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill has the following provisions:

Definition: The bill defines "athlete" for purposes of the education law concerning concussions and head injuries as a person less than 19 years of age who engages in an athletic activity. (Currently that law pertains only to student athletes.)

Guidelines: The bill requires the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to adopt guidelines for the protection of athletes from the effects of concussions incurred at athletic activities taking place on public property other than school property. The bill also requires the Department of Education (DOE), before December 1, 2013, to develop guidelines for the protection of athletes from the effects of concussions incurred at athletic activities taking place on school property.

Training: Beginning April 1, 2014, the bill requires coaches who coach at athletic activities taking place on school property to annually complete a course concerning concussions.

The bill also makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Guidelines:* The requirements of this bill are within both the ISDH's and DOE's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Training:* The costs could be minimal as there are on-line courses sponsored by the National Federation of High School Associations and the Centers for Disease Control that are available without cost to coaches. However, the courses would have to be approved by DOE.

Additional Information: Under the bill, except in cases of gross negligence, a volunteer coach who completes the required concussion certification training would not be held liable if an athlete under the coach's supervision suffers a concussion.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Health, Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations

Information Sources: National Federation of High School Associations, www.nfhslearn.com
Center for Disease Control, www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online_training.html

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